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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2006, a reply to which is due

February 25, 2006, with a one-month extension of time submitted herewith, please consider the

following remarks. As the due date for responding falls on Sunday, February 25, 2006, this

response is considered timely filed on Monday, February 26, 2007.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.